

MEETING #19 May 8

At a Regular Meeting of the Madison County Board of Supervisors on
May 8, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. in the Madison County Administrative Center Auditorium:

PRESENT: Eddie Dean, Chairman
James L. Arrington, Vice-Chairman
William L. Crigler, Member
Bob Miller, Member
Clark Powers, Member
V. R. Shackelford, III, County Attorney.
Lisa R. Kelley, County Administrator
Jacqueline S. Frye, Secretary

Chairman, Eddie Dean called the meeting to order and announced that James L. Arrington would be absent from today's session.

IN RE: VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Donald Gore, Resident Engineer, stated he met with representatives of the Madison Main Street Committee and decided to recommend the aisle be removed at the entrance to Dr. Jay Moscoe's office; however, he feels the aisle at Madison Saw & Stove remain and install concrete where there is currently gravel.

James L. Arrington verbalized concerns as to whether this will cause difficulty for trucks when delivering materials to Madison Saw & Stove.

Donald Gore stated he did not feel this will create a problem if the trucks enter property; however, there may need to be a slight bit of narrowing on the side of the entrance.

Donald Gore stated he and Jimmy Clore will be setting up a time to review Turner Drive; also advised of a workshop to discuss enhancement grant funding scheduled on June 12, 2007 @ 10:30 a.m. in the Harrisonburg office of the Virginia Department of Transportation (Route 11); he also provided an update on Route 702 and stated although the County is the administrator of the project, the Virginia Department of Transportation will be unable to complete with contractors.

Donald Gore stated Revenue Sharing Funding has been cancelled for FY 2007 and all funds have been rolled into FY2008 – an update should be provided by

June/July – however, the Virginia Department of Transportation will assist the County in advertising to get all work done to utilize these funds (i.e. to include inspection).

Donald Gore advised that funding for the Six Year Road Improvement Plan has been increased to \$889,667.00 at the closing session of the General Assembly; he advised the County will still need to allocate certain funds to federal aid match – also the budget bill has a provision to sell bonds for the next year and funds from the sale of these bonds will be utilized as a federal match for secondary funds in 2008.

Donald Gore also advised that mowing will begin at the end of May; the plant mix schedule was recently advertised and the bid has been awarded to a contractor located in Culpeper; surface treatment will begin in June/July; provided an update on funding for the recreational access road and stated funding can only be utilized to go to the first parking lot of the recreational area – the area in Madison has a parking area on the other side of the roadway and he isn't sure if that would quality – will have to investigate this option and report back.

Clark Powers asked if the current parking at Hoover Ridge doesn't quality, can another area be designated.

Donald Gore stated it may be possible that a turnaround point can be installed.

Chairman, Eddie Dean asked if parking was removed from along the side could a parking area later be installed alongside the road or a separate area that has a pull-off point.

Donald Gore stated that once the roadway was installed the Virginia Department of Transportation will not be favorable to creating an additional parking area.

Chairman, Eddie Dean asked about the cut-off date for road work to be completed on Route 702.

V. R. Shackelford, III, County Attorney advised funding must utilized by FY2008; however, any remaining funds must be utilized for maintenance – he was unsure whether all the funding must be utilized by FY2008 or if roadwork must only be initiated

V. R. Shackelford, III, County Attorney asked if a determination of work has been established.

Donald Gore stated the concept will basically be the same as what is done

during regular roadway construction and there are no specific plans in place.

V. R. Shackelford, III, County Attorney questioned whether construction could be bid without plans, to which Donald Gore stated could be accomplished (i.e. staking right-of-way).

Chairman, Eddie Dean asked if an RFP can be sought.

Donald Gore stated he will be more than happy to work with the County to develop an RFP and assist until the process is completed.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated he was asked if the County could work around and problems that may arise with Allegheny Power (lines), to which Donald Gore stated he believed the poles can be relocated at the beginning of the project.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated the agreement indicates that any funding not spent on the roadway will have to be utilized for maintenance of the road.

Donald Gore stated the County will not be held at fault because the State cancelled FY2007 funding for roadway access until FY2008; he also advised that requirements can be satisfied by grading and adding stone to the roadway as needed.

Donald Gore also advised the County's application for Revenue Sharing Funding has not yet so there will be Tier II funding.

Chairman, Eddie Dean asked if there were any concerns to be discussed regarding the right-of-way abandonment on Route 662 at Wolfstown.

Donald Gore stated a conversation was held with the store owned in the area and all details have addressed with V. R. Shackelford, III, County Attorney.

William L. Crigler asked whether the County will need to advertise the proposed abandonment, to which Donald Gore replied if the new road services the same citizens as the old road services, a Public Hearing is not needed.

IN RE: PAYROLL & CLAIMS & SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Chairman, Eddie Dean asked if there were any questions related to the proposed Payroll & Claims Report as submitted for the month of April 2007.

After discussion, on motion of Bob Miller, seconded by James L. Arrington, the warrants issued in satisfaction of payroll for April 2007 (Checks #30109813 through #3010929 and electronic transfer #20) are hereby approved, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Aye
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

On motion of Bob Miller, seconded by James L. Arrington, the warrants issued in satisfaction of claims against the County for April 2007 (Checks #10124743 through #10124965) are hereby approved, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Aye
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated the following supplemental appropriations need to be approved by the Board:

1. Park & Recreation (funds deposited for Youth Sports) \$ 15,791.95
#5690-71100
2. Park & Recreation (funds deposited for Health Fitness) \$ 206.00
#5691-71100
3. Commonwealth Attorney (grants proceeds received for Va. \$ 8,771.87
1545-22100 (grant proceeds received for Va. Domestic Violence Program
#2100-22100 [8148.51; 623.36] Wages & FICA
4. Commonwealth Attorney (expenditures approved for \$ 1,650.00
#8101-22100 (expenditures approved for the Comp. Board for Computer Equip)
5. Assessor (monies needed to balance department for May \$ 16,658.00
#3170-12320

Recommendations of County Administrator

6. School Request
(grant proceeds received for: Teaching America History \$ 5,300.00
Grant \$2,000.00; Meaningful Watershed Education
Experience Grant \$3,300.00)
7. Additional local funding needed to cover expenditures \$ 25,000.00
For May and June for CSA

TOTAL: \$73,377.82

After discussion, on motion of James L. Arrington, seconded by William L. Crigler, the Board approved the aforementioned supplemental appropriations totaling \$73,377.82, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Aye
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

James L. Arrington asked how the assessment was progressing.

Teresa Miller advised the process is a little over halfway completed

IN RE: MADISON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Dr. Brenda Tanner, Superintendent, thanked all County departments for their time and support during the past 2.5 weeks; she advised that parents have been very involved and all incidents have only been internal threats and a reward has been posted.

Dr. Tanner advised preparations are underway for SOL testing; the prom will be held this coming weekend at the Double Tree Hotel in Charlottesville, Virginia with an after party at the Wetsel Middle School; she advised an Art Show will be held during Monday's Board Meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; also advised the building behind the Waverly Yowell Elementary School will be demolished due to the poor condition of the structure – this will also be discussed on Monday night.

Clark Powers suggested the Board recognize all County agencies involved with the recent occurrences; he also commended the students for their level of cooperation and understanding during the evacuation proceedings.

After discussion, the Board asked Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, to draft up a Resolution for all County agencies involved in the past week's events involving the evacuation of all Madison County Schools.

Dr. Tanner stated that an early dismissal occurred during the first occurrence as safety is the first priority for the students; she advised that positive feedback has been received; she advised this inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and monitors have now been stationed throughout the school campuses.

In closing, Dr. Tanner advised that Erik Weaver, Sheriff, suggested the Firehouse be utilized as a future point of evacuation for the schools; she also asked that anyone interested in being a hall monitor is more than welcome to do so.

William L. Crigler asked how long monitors would be in place, to which Dr. Tanner stated will continue through the end of the school year.

IN RE: MADISON FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE

Ross Shifflett, Director of Facilities & Maintenance, provided a report to the Board for review; he advised the monthly bill from USA Waste was received today and totaled \$46,273.36

Clark Powers asked about the quarterly storm water testing.

Ross Shifflett provided a brief overview of storm water testing that is required by the Department of Environmental Quality.

Ross Shifflett stated the Tour de Madison bicycle event will take place on Saturday, May 19, 2007.

Chairman, Eddie Dean asked if there was any mulch remaining at the Madison Transfer Station.

Ross Shifflett advised that all the mulch has been dispersed; he stated the Department of Environmental Quality suggested that signs be posted when this event takes place again; he also advised the County has gained recycling time by offering mulch to the citizens of Madison County.

IN RE: MADISON SOCIAL SERVICES

Nan Coppedge, Director of Social Services, advised there were (29) attendees to today's meeting at Graves Mountain Lodge to discuss issues pertaining to the agency that works with children and families; she also advised there will be a meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 to discuss aging services for citizens in Madison County; information was received regarding a Boys & Girls Club in Madison County and approval should be attained by the national board at the end of June 2007.

IN RE: MADISON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tracey Williams, Tourism Coordinator, was present and stated there were seven (7) news member to the Chamber during the month; working on the Business

Appreciation Dinner scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2007; also advised the Business/Expo is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Firehouse; first Madison Chamber of Commerce Mixer was sponsored by Montague Miller & Company and TJW Homes and was a great success; attended GMMSP meetings and Smart Growth for Downtown's in Culpeper by the Virginia Downtown Development Association; attended the Boys & Girls Club steering committee meeting; visitor center had (85) visitors in April and website had (4,312) hits; 20th Annual Tour de Madison Bike tour will be held on May 19, 2007; The Heartland Choir is scheduled for the afternoon of May 19, 2007 at the Hebron Lutheran Church; working on Fireman's Parade; brochure being completed for the Taste of the Mountains Festival.

IN RE: MADISON COUNTY E-911

Robert Finks, E-911 Coordinator, provided the following report for the month of April: (583) E-911 calls; (367) from regular telephones; (216) from cellular phones; (34) alarm calls; (23) E-911 hang-up(s); (6) open lines; and (3) misdials; he advised there has still be a substantial cost for the alarm calls as there have been few responses from the Public Notice that was published in the Madison Eagle – will start sending warnings to property owners; also advised a command post was established during the emergency situations that took place at the Madison County Schools during the past week; he advised the school only has one (1) channel to utilize when coordinating pick-up procedures for parents – he has spoken with Dr. Tanner and feels it would be best to add additional channels to the school's current radio system which can also be utilized for the enhancement of public safety. He explained the advantages of the additional systems and also of the cost involved with the upgrade which will include walkie-talkies – the upgrade will also expand usages and provide a back-up system in the County.

James L. Arrington stated he felt the aforementioned suggestion made by Robert Finks is well merited and feels he should move forward.

Chairman, Eddie Dean advised the request is a continuation from last month's report and will be ongoing.

IN RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Carl Pumphrey, EMS Coordinator, provided a report of all activities for the month of April March and stated an initial report detailing recent damages was provided by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management; he also advised the stream level flooding issue was due to the heavy rain storm that swept through Madison County.

In closing, Carl Pumphrey advised he met with the Chief of the American Red Cross to discuss some issues.

James L. Arrington asked about the Pre-plan Texas Truck Sales, to which Carl Pumphrey explained this is a plan which provides a full lay-out of the occupancy of a location and is provided to Fire & Rescue for future planning – this will be initiated for all local commercial establishments in the County.

IN RE: MADISON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Lewis Jenkins, EMS Coordinator, provided the following report for the month of April 2007:

1. Total calls toned: (89)
2. Total calls handled: (72)
3. Total calls no response: (17)
 [(12 Greene; (1) Culpeper and (1) Orange calls for mutual aide assistance were not Answered (no available staff); (3) calls cancelled by 1st responders]
4. Average In-County response time to the scene: 9.6 minutes
5. Night coverage: (11) hours of night coverage on (15) nights
 Total calls handled: (20)

Lewis Jenkins advised that interviews were conducted on May 1, 2007 by EMS staff to determine skill testing of five (5) candidates to fill an open position – hope to have the vacancy filled after reference checks have been completed.

IN RE: MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF

Erik Weaver provided the following report for the month of March 2007:

1. Total service calls: 901

2. Criminal arrests: 41
3. Civil process (warrants): 281
4. Days of court: 11
5. Animal Control service calls: 85

Erik Weaver, Sheriff, advised that Animal Control is still not picking up stray cats, only dogs and/or cats who are injured; he stated there have been seven (7) bomb threats at the schools thus far with six (6) incidents of evacuation of students – also advised this is becoming a community effort and feels this is providing good training in the event an emergency does occur; he stated different locations have been utilized and not publicized as a safety precaution; however all areas are checked prior to any students being relocated

Erik Weaver, Sheriff, advised that a bomb detecting canine has been ordered from Belgium and should arrive during the upcoming week – the canine has already been certified and will be in the care of the Sheriff's Office until another deputy can be trained to assist. He stated these occurrences have been taking place statewide and not just in Madison County; he stated the cost will be covered by existing funding in the Sheriff's budget; he stated the County has been utilizing dogs from other localities; therefore, the newly purchased canine will also assist surrounding localities when available.

Erik Weaver, Sheriff, advised the Senior Prom takes place this weekend and the Sheriff's Department will be out in full force.

William L. Crigler asked how the Sheriff's Department's budget was being affected by the additional staff required for the recent occurrences at the Madison County Schools.

Erik Weaver, Sheriff, advised the overtime budget for his department has basically been extinguished; therefore, funding is being drawn from other line items in the departmental budget to cover the recent expenses – additional staffing has involved ranged from thirty (30) to forty-five (45) personnel.

In closing, Erik Weaver, Sheriff, advised the children of Madison County are our number one priority.

William L. Crigler asked if there was any cost to the County for utilizing canines from other localities, to which Erik Weaver, Sheriff, replied there was no cost; however, once Madison County has a canine, the favor will be returned – eventually, there will be a cost for this service in the future.

James L. Arrington asked if the cat population in Madison County was getting out of hand.

Erik Weaver, Sheriff, advised that Animal Control was picking up about thirty (30) to forty (40) cats from a few locations; however, the large number was overwhelming for the Madison Animal Shelter – traps are being supplied to property owners and they have been given the option of taking care of the cats on their own (i.e. disposal).

Chairman, Eddie Dean asked why there was only one (1) evacuation during the recent incidents in the Madison County Schools.

Erik Weaver, Sheriff, stated it was noted that hall monitors have been checking the restrooms every fifteen (15) to twenty (20) minutes and an individual identified a written note in one of the stalls; it was determined there were six (6) possible individuals who wrote the note and a suspect was identified; therefore, it was determined the incident only involved the Wetsel Middle School and other campus were not evacuated as there was no threat found.

Dr. Brenda Tanner stated all areas were thoroughly investigated.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated it was imperative that parents in the community be made aware of these findings.

Dr. Brenda Tanner stated that individual letters were sent home with students from the various campuses explaining the incident and the investigations that had taken place.

Erik Weaver, Sheriff stated when an incident arises, personnel are called from various locations; he also commented the Department of Game & Wildlife has been a tremendous help as also have the Fire & Rescue Departments of Madison County, the E-911 Center, and the Virginia Department of Transportation. He also thanked the Virginia Department of Transportation for the message boards they were able to erect on Route 29 to provide pick-up information to local parents.

Erik Weaver, Sheriff, advised there have been problems noted with the radio system; Randy Jenkins, Deputy, will check into purchasing pagers that can be utilized as a means of communicating in areas where there is no cellular service available.

Clark Powers commented there is a shortage of State Police in Madison County.

Erik Weaver, Sheriff, advised the Virginia Department of State Police is experiencing cutbacks and have also been patrolling Virginia Polytechnic Institute due to the recent shooting event that took place there and are also being sent to Jamestown, Virginia in light of the upcoming 400th Anniversary Commemoration. He stated although the State Police officers are being sent to various locations, if a call is made to their office for assistance, staff will be sent.

Robert Finks stated the recent events that have taken place in Madison County are also taking place in several localities throughout the State of Virginia (i.e. Culpeper, Fairfax, Albemarle, Strasburg, etc.).

Erik Weaver, Sheriff, invited the Board members to feel free to assist anytime and welcomed their assistance.

IN RE: BUILDING OFFICIAL (Monthly Report)

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated the Board received a monthly report from the Building Official for the total funds received for projects that have been initiated in Madison County during the month of April.

IN RE: COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS (Newsletter)

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated the Board received a newsletter provided by Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, on the Courthouse Project; this newsletter has been presented to neighbors in the proximity of the Courthouse and also to County Departments as a means of providing an update of what will take place during Phase I of the Courthouse Renovation Project.

In closing, Chairman, Eddie Dean thanked Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, for her efforts and also feels the newsletter will be most helpful in keeping citizens informed as the project moves forward.

James L. Arrington asked if the newsletter was distributed to the Madison Eagle.

Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, advised this could be accomplished if needed; however, the newsletter was primarily distributed as a tool to advise local citizens of any disturbances or inconveniences (i.e. slowed traffic, noise etc.) that might occur as a result of the renovations taking place on Main Street.

In closing, she advised the newsletter will be made available in paper or email form to anyone desiring to read the document.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Rita Cunningham of the Madison County Historical Society was present and asked for permission to place a small sign at the Kemper Mansion (similar to the sign located at the entrance to the Madison County Library) to alert local citizens of special events to be held at the facility – the sign will be erected for about one (1) week prior to the scheduled event and will be taken down immediately afterwards.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated permission will be needed from the Town of Madison.

Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, stated she was unaware of any stipulations regarding the size of the sign and advised the historic easement be reviewed to see if there are any limitations attached; she also stated she was unaware if there were any guidelines regarding the size of signage or who the easement states must approve any signage.

After discussion, Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, advised she would review the historic easement and also suggested Ms. Cunningham contact Barbara Roach, Town Zoning Administrator, to determine the Town's guidelines for displaying signage on Main Street.

IN RE: IN RE: MADISON VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD

William L. Crigler provided the following report for April 2007:

- (55): Patient emergencies
- (2): Assists to EMS
- (1) Assist not needed @ scene
- (53): Total calls

William L. Crigler stated there have been comments as to whether the report from the Volunteer Rescue Squad was necessary to the Madison County Board of Supervisors and wanted to get some input from the Madison County Board of Supervisors regarding this issue and he will pass comments onto the Volunteer Services Board members; however, he advised he felt the report should be done for the benefit of volunteer services.

After discussion, Chairman, Eddie Dean suggested the report continue to be forthcoming as the Madison County Board of Supervisors does provide financial assistance to volunteer services.

IN RE: VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Abandonment of right-of-way on Route 662)

Larry Fanton of the Virginia Department of Transportation was present and advised the Resolution being discussed tonight was on Route 662 in Wolfstown located in Madison County; he advised that all questions have been answered by Donald Gore in a conversation with V. R. Shackelford, III, County Attorney.

V. R. Shackelford, III, County Attorney advised the Board review the colored chart that was attached and advised the abandonment includes small portions of the secondary system (blue areas) and some areas of the roadway will be re-numbered.

V. R. Shackelford, III, County Attorney asked if the condemnation suite was completed, to which Larry Fanton stated there was still one (1) suite that was still outstanding, although a settlement is being negotiated.

After discussion, on motion of James L. Arrington, seconded by Clark Powers, the Board approved the Changes in the Primary and Secondary Systems due to relocation and construction on Route 662, Project 0662-056-182.C-501, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Aye
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

IN RE: RESOLUTION GRANTING AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT (8) HOURS OF LEAVE TIME (To be used prior to June 30, 2007)

Lisa Kelly, County Administrator, stated the Board received a mandate from Governor Kaine proposing all employees for the Commonwealth be awarded eight (8) hours of “recognition” leave in honor of the recent visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – this leave must be used on or before June 30, 2007.

Chairman, Eddie Dean advised that some County offices (Constitutional) will be split in the fact that some of these offices are funded by the State, some by the Compensation Board, and some positions are fully funded by the County; however, Constitutional employees will be granted the leave whether the Madison County Board of Supervisors approves the eight (8) hours of recognition leave time or not.

William L. Crigler asked if there were any figures to show the impact the leave time will have on the County, if approved.

Teresa Miller, Finance Director, explained there will be some cost to the County.

James L. Arrington asked if emergency services personnel will be effected, to which Teresa Miller, Finance Director, advised that all County employees will be allowed to take the leave time; she also provided a brief overview of those offices that contain split personnel (i.e. Constitutional and County).

Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, advised with the “floating” leave, the County will not shut down for an entire day as employees will not take the leave time on the same day.

Teresa Miller advised the Madison County Board of Supervisors can request the leave time be taken by December 31, 2007 if desired; she also stated the County will probably get reimbursed from the Compensation Board.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated the Board does not appear to have many options in this situation as the mandate has been declared by the Governor.

After discussion, on motion of Bob Miller, seconded by William L. Crigler, the Board adopted the Resolution granting an additional eight (8) hours of leave time to be used prior to June 30, 2007 as proposed by the Governor, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Nay
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is generally the policy of the County to follow the schedule of holidays established for employees of the Commonwealth for the calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has granted employees of the Commonwealth eight (8) hours of special "recognition" leave, in honor of the recent visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, provided that such leave must be taken by state employees on or before June 30, 2007 and state employees are encouraged to use the additional leave time to volunteer or participate in Jamestown 2007 commemorative events;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves an additional eight (8) hours of leave time to County employees, which must be used on or before June 30, 2007.

I certify that on motion of Bob Miller, seconded by William L. Crigler, the Madison County Board of Supervisors adopted the Resolution on April 8th, 2007.

Eddie Dean, Chairman
Madison County Board of Supervisors

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Dean	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
James L. Arrington	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
William L. Crigler	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Bob Miller	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Clark Powers	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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Lisa Robertson Kelley
County Administrator

IN RE: RESOLUTIONS

Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, advised the Board there are several Resolutions that will need to be dealt with; the first Resolution for discussion has to deal with LEOS coverage or “Section 138 Retirement Coverage” – she explained this is the retired supplement for employees the state has lumped together and determined as the “Hazardous Duty” category. She further advised the law also allows for other employment groups to be included into the category.

Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, also advised the second Resolution to be discussed is one that proposes to extend the supplement to EMT personnel in Madison County.

Additionally, the first Resolution was prepared as a result of a change in state law that mandates an increase in the multiplier from 1.70% to 1.85% - the increase will be mandatory for the Sheriff’s position but it is at the option of the Madison County Board of Supervisors whether to also increase the multiplier for the Deputies who are already in the system, and if the Board chooses to add the EMT personnel to the group of local employees that already have the supplement, the increased multiplier will also apply to those designated personnel effective July 1, 2008.

In closing, Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, advised the Madison County Board of Supervisors is not required to increase the multiplier for anyone other than the Sheriff.

Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, advised a letter was received from the state regarding the multiplier and discussion pertaining to the multiplier that was passed – the second page of the document contains information about the payroll impact the increase will have.

Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, advised that Teresa Miller, Finance Director, believes the project increase was solely based on the Deputy Sheriffs who are currently in the supplement at the present time (i.e. impact of 0.35% is probably going to be a bit larger if the Board includes EMT personnel). She stated the multiplier will be applied to all appropriate personnel, however, the impact on the overall payroll will either be 0.35% or a bit larger based on the additional employees included in the supplement.

James L. Arrington asked for a total in “real dollars.”

Teresa Miller, Finance Director, stated if EMS personnel are included, the impact for this department alone will be 1.15% more than the current rate; however, she stated if the Board adopts the 1.15% multiplier, the multiplier for Deputies will be 0.35% although VRS is unable to provide information regarding a complete percentage amount.

In closing, Teresa Miller, Finance Director, advised she was unable to provide a total dollar amount as the entire payroll will be affected.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated the increase may well be in the neighborhood of about \$6,000.00; he stated the multiplier will have no effect as to what the supplement will cost the County but what a retiring person's benefit is.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated the County employees that get the LEOS benefit get a better benefit than non-LEOS employees – the employees that receive this benefit include the Sheriff, Deputies, and if added, all EMS personnel; however, those employees that work in the office setting do not receive this type of benefit the County assists in providing funding for the coverage on behalf of those employees who do not covered by the benefit (i.e. full retirement).

In closing, Chairman, Eddie Dean stated the change in the multiplier will in fact provide a better benefit to those covered by LEOS coverage (i.e. two (2) different retirement supplements); he indicated the State has mandated this type of coverage be provided to the Sheriff and feels a mandate will eventually be in place for Deputies and all EMS personnel. As a result of this factor, Chairman, Eddie Dean suggested the Board refrain from moving forward with the recommended 1.85% multiplier for Deputies until a mandate has been established by the State; he stated the multiplier only affects an employee when they retire.

William L. Crigler asked if there was an established time frame in which the Board was required to take action on the aforementioned Resolutions.

Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, advised the Board will have to take some form of action on the Resolutions by the June Regular Meeting; she advised a decision was not required tonight, but wanted to advise the Board of the changes.

Teresa Miller, Finance Director, stated the advertised 07-08 Budget has the multiplier factor built into it for EMS personnel.

Bob Miller asked if the Department of Social Services employees would be eligible for the LEOS benefit, to which Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, advised would not.

Teresa Miller, Finance Director, stated the Department of Social Services' payroll will be impacted the same as the County.

William L. Crigler suggested the Board table a decision until the June meeting to allow time for members to read the Resolution and gain a full understanding of what is being presented.

Chairman, Eddie Dean also agreed that it would be appropriate to table a decision until a later time.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated the House of Delegates has been in the process of initiating a change to the rate from 1.85% to 2% for all state employees, although this request has not been passed in the Senate; therefore, he feels it would be easier to justify the rate at 1.85% if it was across the board rather than being provided to the LEOS participants only.

After discussion, on motion of Bob Miller, seconded by William L. Crigler, the Board voted to table a decision on the aforementioned Resolutions until the June Regular meeting, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Aye
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, stated the next set of documents for discussion will require the Board to determine whether to establish two (2) new Committees. The first document is a set of guidelines to be considered and a rough draft of duties/functions of each Committee (i.e. Committee to Study the Financing of Government & Process for Establishing a Committee or a Task Force.

Chairman, Eddie Dean suggested the Board review these documents during the evening break and discuss these topics following the Public Hearing at the evening session.

IN RE: MINUTES

On motion of James L. Arrington, seconded by Bob Miller, Minutes #13, #14, #15 and #16 are approved as presented and spread in Minute Book #15, page through , with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Aye
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE:

THANK YOU CARD FROM MRS. ANNE DEAN

Chairman, Eddie Dean advised a “thank you” note was sent to the Board on behalf of Mrs. Anne Dean for the flowers that were sent to her during the recovery from her recent knee surgery.

INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR STUDY

Bob Miller advised the Board received notification regarding the Intermodal Transportation Corridor Study initiated through PD-9 (grant) was accepted this morning; he stated the application was extended and Madison County was added to the original grant proposal at a later time – the Virginia Department of Transportation requested the study include the portion of the corridor through Route 29 to Route 64 (i.e. Greene, Albemarle, and City of Charlottesville). He also explained that some grants being written by PD-9 may extend into other planning district regions which seems to be appropriate as PD-10 is to the south of Madison County and several local citizens travel that portion of the corridor.

Bob Miller also advised the National Interest Electrical Corridor has been extended to include Madison County. He explained this facet involves the concern that has developed in Northern Virginia regarding the building of a high density power line to be built on a massive amount of easement protected land in Loudoun and Fauquier Counties – this proposal is being presented by Dominion Power Company and will consist of coal-generated electricity being provided in the northeast corridor. He stated the disagreement has become one that involves the seeking of electrical utilities for a

national interest electrical corridor that would give the Association of Electric Companies the power for condemnation of land to facilitate an electrical facility.

Bob Miller advised the Madison County Board of Supervisors has been invited to participate in a hearing Tuesday, May 15, 2007 in Northern Virginia where the Secretary of the Department of Energy will be taking public input; therefore, Bob Miller has asked if the Madison County Board of Supervisors would allow him to attend to represent the Board on behalf of Madison County. He advised each representative will be given two (2) minutes to speak as a voice for their prospective locality.

After discussion, Chairman, Eddie Dean asked if any other Board members were interested in attending the meeting.

James L. Arrington stated he was in agreement with Bob Miller attending the meeting and suggested Mr. Miller go forth and express any concerns on behalf of Madison County.

ADULT REGIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (Graduation)

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated a letter was received from the PD-9 Regional Adult Educational Program which invited the Madison County Board of Supervisors to attend the 13th Annual GED Graduation Ceremony scheduled for May 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Germanna Center for Technology in Culpeper, Virginia.

LETTER FROM GLORIA HUGHS (Support of the Madison County Library)

Chairman, Eddie Dean advised a letter was received from Ms. Gloria Hughes asked the Board to support the budget as presented by the Madison County Library Board.

LETTERS FROM ALLEGHENY POWER COMPANY

Chairman, Eddie Dean advised two (2) letters were received from the Allegheny Power Company that denoted rate increases that will involve a twenty percent (20%) increase within the next year; over the next ten (10) years, a fifty percent (50%) increase will be denoted in electricity rates.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated he received a call from a representative from Allegheny Power Company in which a justification was verbalized regarding the increase; however, Chairman, Eddie Dean advised this was poor planning to circulate such information after all localities have already adopted their fiscal year budgets.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Miller stated in light of the electrical rate increases, he suggested as the Board prepares to make a decision to formulate committees, he stated there is a cost share program the Department of Education is assessing in relation to energy efficiency at public schools; therefore, he feels it will be feasible to have something done at the County level.

Bob Miller also suggested this idea be taken into consideration as the County prepares to make improvements to the County Administration Center; he also advised there could be more savings noted in purchasing energy saving equipment and reduced lighting.

Robert Finks advised that most copiers have a power feature on them.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of William L. Crigler, seconded by Bob Miller, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss matters exempt from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act – the subject and purpose falls within the following exemptions: Real Property 2.2-3711 (A) (3) Pertaining to Temporary Facilities for the Courthouse, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Aye
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

Robert Finks was asked to remain in Executive Session

On motion of William L. Crigler, seconded by James L. Arrington, the Board voted to go back into open session with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Aye
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

On motion of William L. Crigler, seconded by Bob Miller, the Board took roll call to certify that nothing was discussed which was not authorized by the Code of Virginia and that the following Resolution is adopted with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Aye
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

MOTION: William L. Crigler

RESOLUTION NO: 2007-7

SECOND: Bob Miller

MEETING DATE: May 8, 2007

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Madison County Board of Supervisors that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Madison County Board of Supervisors.

VOTE

AYES, Eddie Dean, James L. Arrington, William L. Crigler, Bob Miller, Clark Powers

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

(For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of the act should be described)

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

Clerk/Secretary of the Madison County Board of Supervisors

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Aye
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

On motion of William L. Crigler, seconded James L. Arrington, Chairman, Eddie Dean recessed the meeting until 7:30 p.m.

7:30 P.M.: Meeting reconvened with Chairman, Eddie Dean calling the meeting to order.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman, Eddie Dean opened the floor for public comment and advised that discussions n the 2007-2008 Budget will follow thereafter.

With no comments being verbalized, Chairman, Eddie Dean opened the floor for comments pertaining to the 2007-2008 Budget.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated the proposed 2007-2008 Budget has been advertised as has the proposed tax rate; he also advised the County's tax rate has showed no increase for the past two (2) years.

Ann Bloom was present and verbalized concerns regarding the decrease in the County's contingency funding; she also commented on various decreases and/or increases in County Departments (i.e. Economic Development, County Administrator, Finance Department, Transfer Station, Parks & Recreation, Madison County Library) and also commented on the recent bomb threats that have occurred at Madison County Schools – she stated the overall cost increase in County Departments totals \$231,653.00 that will be taxed to citizens and there are no new businesses in Madison County to remedy any of these increases.

Nancy Demarest was present on behalf of the Madison County Library and reinstated the Library would appreciate the Board demonstrating concern for the budgetary concerns as presented on behalf of the Madison County Library; she stated there are problems with the existing roof and she hoped they are not forced to cut library programs; she thanked the Board for their continued support and also stated the Library staff is working hard to provide programs for local citizens.

Marilyn Napeland of WVPT TV was present and thanked the Madison County Board of Supervisors for their continued support; she advised they currently provide 1,000 hours of instructional programming to other school districts for grades K

through 12 and sixteen (16) hours of special children's programming for home-based students; she also stated a Kids' Book Festival was held last year in Charlottesville, Virginia which consisted of over 4,000 participants.

James Hale was present and stated the 2007-2008 Budget was over-inflated; he also stated the overall budget shows a six percent (6%) increase for Administration and a four percent (4%) pay increase for teachers; he verbalized concerns over the proposed increase for the County Administrator and also asked about total carryover funds for the Madison County School Board and whether this carryover amount was included in the 2007-2008 budgetary request. In closing, he questioned the proposed budget figure and how this can be accomplished without a tax increase. He stated the majority of citizens in Madison County are elderly and unable to afford taxes on their personal property; he also suggested the Board keep closer tabs on the 2007-2008 budget and determine if any reductions can be incorporated.

Jeff Early, Chairman of the Madison County School Board, was present and thanked the Board for their continued support. He also commented on the renovations made at Waverly Yowell Elementary School; he also stated School Administration will be receiving a five percent (5%) increase and teachers will receive a four percent (4%) increase and one (1) additional step increase – he also stated the single most important resource in our community is the youth of Madison County and also suggested anything we can do to assist in their education and learning situation will greatly benefit the community as a whole in the future.

In closing, Jeff Early stated there is a larger increase in the budgetary request submitted by the Madison County School Board; however, the primary reason for the request is due to allocations being made from the state of about \$500,000.00 less than what was received during the past year as well as a significant decrease in funding received from the federal government.

Ralph Nicholson was present and thanked the Board for holding the line on local taxes; he also expressed his views on the future for Madison County and feels the population of the County is relatively small; however, there are no employment opportunities for the youth once they graduate and there does not appear to be any means being demonstrated to draw any real business to the area.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated one of the budgetary categories that sites an increase is the area for the County Administrator, which is evident; however, most of the increase is due to a change in accounting procedures. He explained in previous years, the Finance Director, Accounts Payable Technician and the Board Secretary were listed as a part of the Board of Supervisors budgetary account – this factor has been changed in order to accurately reflect these departments. He also stated the responsibilities for this governmental entity have increased; he also stated the County Administrator insisted her salary remain the same as what she was hired for so there was no change reflected in her salary for the 2007-2008 budget year. He stated the Board feels they have hired a very talented individual and should be fully recognized for the job she has done.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated the funding for Parks & Recreation has also undergone a change in accounting procedures which will reflect a more accurate account of funding that flows in/out of that particular category; he stated the funding amount reflected in the budget will be considered as “carryover funds” and supplemental appropriations will be initiated on a monthly basis to show the income derived from various programs held during the month.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated this is the first time during his term that the County’s Escrow Fund reflected a positive amount.

In regards to comments concerning citizens being unable to pay their personal property taxes, Chairman, Eddie Dean advised an individual’s tax year for the last two (2) years and the upcoming year will be exactly the same unless the individual has made changes to their personal property or added something to their existing real estate as there has been no change in personal property rates during the term of the existing Board.

Chairman, Eddie Dean then provided the remaining Board members an opportunity to make remarks.

Bob Miller reiterated the comments as verbalized by Chairman, Eddie Dean; he stated the Board has worked very hard to ascertain the new accounting techniques as demonstrated in the 2007-2008 Budget as advised by the accounting firm; he stated these adjustments will produce for efficient audits; changes to departmental categories are not any form of trickery, but have been incorporated upon the advise of the

auditors.

In closing, Bob Miller stated everyone in attendance tonight fully agrees on “no tax increase” but in reality, there is inflation in the world; he also commended the Board on being to hold the line on taxes for another year, and feels this may not be possible for another year due to the major project underway in Madison County.

James L. Arrington stated he feels the cost of government has increased; he also feels the current tax rates are “pricing” residents out of the County and feels the current budget was achieved through much effort on the part of the Board; he also verbalized he was in support of the proposed increases as indicated in the 2007-2008 Budget.

Clark Powers stated he feels the Board has done very well in maintaining the same tax rate as in the previous years; he also stated he did not want to see Madison County become unbridled as is the case with Culpeper and Greene Counties.

William L. Crigler stated he was in agreement with statements made by his fellow Board members; he stated he also feels the 2007-2008 Budget was well done and he is well pleased with the final result.

James Hale commented on a line item from Page 5 of the 2007-2008 Budget in relation to the total amount of funding needed to balance.

Chairman, Eddie Dean advised Mr. Hale he was reading from an earlier edition of the 2007-2008 Budget; he read the adjusted figure and explained stated there is a surplus fund balance which consists of funding not spent for capital projects. He also stated there were funds generated from new procedures in progress at the Madison Transfer Station and also due to a more efficient telephone/communications system.

In closing, Chairman, Eddie Dean stated the current Board has worked very hard to generate the current revenue and he reiterated the fact the Board should receive a bit of recognition for that factor instead of being chastised for increases as noted in the 2007-2008 Budget. He stated some of the efficiencies have come with a cost but have provided significant benefits in the long run.

Chairman, Eddie Dean also stated the County intends to have the Budget on the web page in a PDF file in the near future; he advised there are several directions the County would like to make improvements in and stated the Board plans to discuss the

establishment of a Committee to study options for long-term financing of County government as the County has to look at other options beside increasing real estate and personal property taxes.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated the County is currently going through a reassessment which is required by state law – the tax rate will decrease as property rates will increase. Additionally, he explained the reassessment was necessary due to the fact the value of sale price versus assessed value was sixty-two percent (62%) – if an reassessment is not done, the County will be penalized by the State and lose part of educational funding that is awarded to Madison County. He stated the cost of the reassessment will be about \$120,000.00; however, this process is mandated.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated there are some situations in which the Madison County Board of Supervisors and Madison County School System do not have any say; he stated the Governor just announced to all state agencies that he was awarding eight (8) hours of comp time so employees could participate with her Majesty Queen Elizabeth during the Jamestown celebration – as a result of this mandate, the Board had no choice but to extend the time to County employees.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated the County is undergoing the Courthouse Renovation Project; he advised there are several ways in which the process can be funded (i.e. long-term); however, it is the intention of the current Board not to pass the financial burden onto future generations.

In closing, Chairman, Eddie Dean stated the Madison County Board of Supervisors appreciate the support and cooperation demonstrated by County citizens and he stated the Board does take all comments serious; however, the Board tries very hard to maintain within the County. He advised the Board will balance the 2007-2008 Budget at another time.

Chairman, Eddie Dean then stated it is the intention of the Madison County Board of Supervisors to finance the Madison County Library at \$94,419.00 as requested.

With no further comments, Chairman, Eddie Dean closed the Public Hearing closed and recessed the meeting for five (5) minutes.

Chairman, Eddie Dean reconvened the meeting and stated the Board

needed to continue discussing proposed committees.

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated the Board will need to define guidelines for the proposed Committees (i.e. Committee to Study the Establishment of a Purchase of Development Rights Program and a Committee to Study the County's Options for Long-Term Funding of Government).

Chairman, Eddie Dean stated some options the Board will to consider include:

- 1) Term for members to be appointed;
- 2) How often will the Committee meet;
- 3) How many members will be on the Committee;
- 4) County Administrator must be a member of each Committee; and
- 5) One (1) member shall have a financial background.

James L. Arrington asked if the Board will need to advertise for members, to which Chairman, Eddie Dean stated will need to be done; additionally, he suggested that all interested parties be encouraged to complete an application – the Board will then meet to determine the best candidates and whether additional measures will need to be incorporated in order to ensure the best possible candidates are selected.

Chairman, Eddie Dean advised the Board strongly encourages committee involvement.

After a brief discussion, Chairman, Eddie Dean asked if the Board members would like to study this issue and discuss it at the upcoming Workshop Session.

Bob Miller stated he feels the Board should decide tonight as to the qualifications a potential candidate must possess; and also suggested the advertisement state that potential candidates must have a genuine interest – once individuals step forward, questions can be asked in order to ascertain the skills of any potential candidates. He further suggested the candidate(s) be in office for a specified length of time not to exceed the specified amount of time as established by the Board.

Chairman, Eddie Dean asked the Board members what type of background will be required of any potential candidates, to which Bob Miller replied the following:

- 1) Candidate have some knowledge of public government financing techniques (County or State government and/or banking background)
- 2) Candidate must be familiar with mandated programs

- 3) Candidate must be familiar as to “what” can be taxed (i.e. property)
- 4) Candidate must have some knowledge of governmental restrictions and guidelines

Chairman, Eddie Dean asked if the Board felt that each member of the Committee should have a background in Finance or just one, to which Bob Miller stated that at least one (1) would be sufficient (i.e. private, governmental, or business)

Bob Miller stated not only will the Committee be looking at best options for governing County funds but also what financial alternatives may be available and most appropriate for County funds.

James L. Arrington suggested the Board discuss the functions/duties of the Committee also.

Chairman, Eddie Dean suggested the Board leave open options when determining qualifications as a means to attract a diverse group of people from various backgrounds – he also suggested the Board explore any and all legal avenues in relation to funding County government (i.e. increasing food tax, etc.).

Chairman, Eddie Dean advised that a draft ad be constructed and reviewed by the Board during the Workshop Session.

Chairman, Eddie Dean advised there are mandates being discussed regarding purchase and development rights; if the County doesn't have procedures in place to deal with this issue, there may be available funding that Madison County will not receive.

Chairman, Eddie Dean asked if the aforementioned goals should be handled at the same time or complete one proposal at a time.

Bob Miller suggested the Board handle each proposed task simultaneously; additionally, he stated an offer has already been made by a local citizen to assist with the Committees.

Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, asked if there were any particular qualifications the Board wanted mentioned in the ad as a means of inviting residents from various backgrounds to apply.

Bob Miller stated the PDR Program strongly suggests that a cross section of applicants be encouraged to apply (i.e. farming and private); he also suggested it be recommended the members understand the importance of particular properties for

inclusion in the program and also fully understand how those properties are handled financially (i.e. purchase).

After discussion, on motion of Bob Miller, seconded by William L. Crigler, Chairman, Eddie Dean continued the meeting to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, 2007 at 302 Thrift Road, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Absent
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

Eddie Dean, Chairman

Lisa R. Kelley, County Administrator

Date: May 9, 2007

Copies: Eddie Dean, James L. Arrington, William L. Crigler, Bob Miller, Clark Powers,
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